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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 30, 2003 (Paper No. 11), for which a response is due on September 30, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.